

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-50 (Cancelled).

51. (New) A method of synchronizing data messages and command messages between a host system and a mobile communication device via a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

generating data messages at the mobile communication device;

immediately transmitting a copy of the data messages to the host system via the wireless network after they are generated at the mobile communication device and storing the copies in an electronic data store maintained by the host system and associated with the mobile communication device;

executing a plurality of user-initiated commands at the mobile communication device and generating a command message for each of the plurality of user-initiated commands;

bundling the command messages together but delaying the transmission of the bundled command messages until a predetermined time has occurred; and

transmitting the bundled command messages to the host system via the wireless network after the predetermined time has occurred.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the plurality of user-initiated commands include commands for processing data messages stored at the mobile communication device, the method further comprising the steps of:

unbundling the command messages at the host system; and
executing a command at the host system corresponding to each of the unbundled command messages, wherein the executed commands operate on data messages stored at the host system that correspond to the same data messages at the mobile communication device on which the user-initiated commands were executed.

53. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the user-initiated commands include a command to move a data message into a folder within a folder hierarchy stored at the mobile communication device.

54. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the user-initiated commands include a command to delete a data message from the mobile communication device.

55. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the user-initiated commands include a command to read a data message at the mobile communication device.

56. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising the step of:
prior to bundling the command messages, compressing and encrypting each of the command messages individually.

57. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising the step of:
after bundling the command messages into one or more bundled messages, compressing and encrypting the bundled messages.

58. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a user-initiated command to terminate over-the-air synchronization via the wireless network; and

in response to the user-initiated command to terminate over-the-air synchronization, not transmitting the copy of the data messages or the bundled command messages to the host system via the wireless network.

59. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the predetermined time is after peak usage hours for the wireless network.

60. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising the steps of:

receiving data messages at the host system;

immediately transmitting a copy of the data messages to the mobile communication device via the wireless network after they are received at the host system and storing the copies in an electronic data store within the mobile communication device;

receiving a plurality of user-initiated commands at the host system and generating a command message for each of the plurality of user-initiated commands;

bundling the command messages together but delaying the transmission of the bundled command messages until a predetermined time has occurred; and

transmitting the bundled command messages to the mobile communication device via the wireless network after the predetermined time has occurred.

61. (New) A method of synchronizing a host system with a wireless mobile communication device, wherein the host system and the wireless mobile communication device may communicate via a wired connection or a wireless connection, the method comprising the steps of:

generating data messages and command messages at the wireless mobile communication device;

determining whether the wireless mobile communication device is configured to synchronize with the host system via the wired connection or the wireless connection;

if the wireless mobile communication device is configured to synchronize via the wireless connection, then bundling together one or more of the data messages and one or more command messages and transmitting the bundled data to the host system via the wireless network; and

if the wireless mobile communication device is configured to synchronize via the wired connection, then storing the data messages and command messages at the wireless mobile communication device and transmitting them to the host system after the wireless mobile communication device is coupled to the host system via the wired connection.

62. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising the step of:

receiving a user-initiated command that configures the wireless mobile communication device to synchronize over the wireless connection or the wired connection.

63. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising the step of:

prior to bundling together one or more of the data messages and one or more command messages, compressing and encrypting each of the one or more data messages and one or more command messages individually.

64. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising the step of:

after bundling together one or more of the data messages and one or more command messages, compressing and encrypting the bundled data.
